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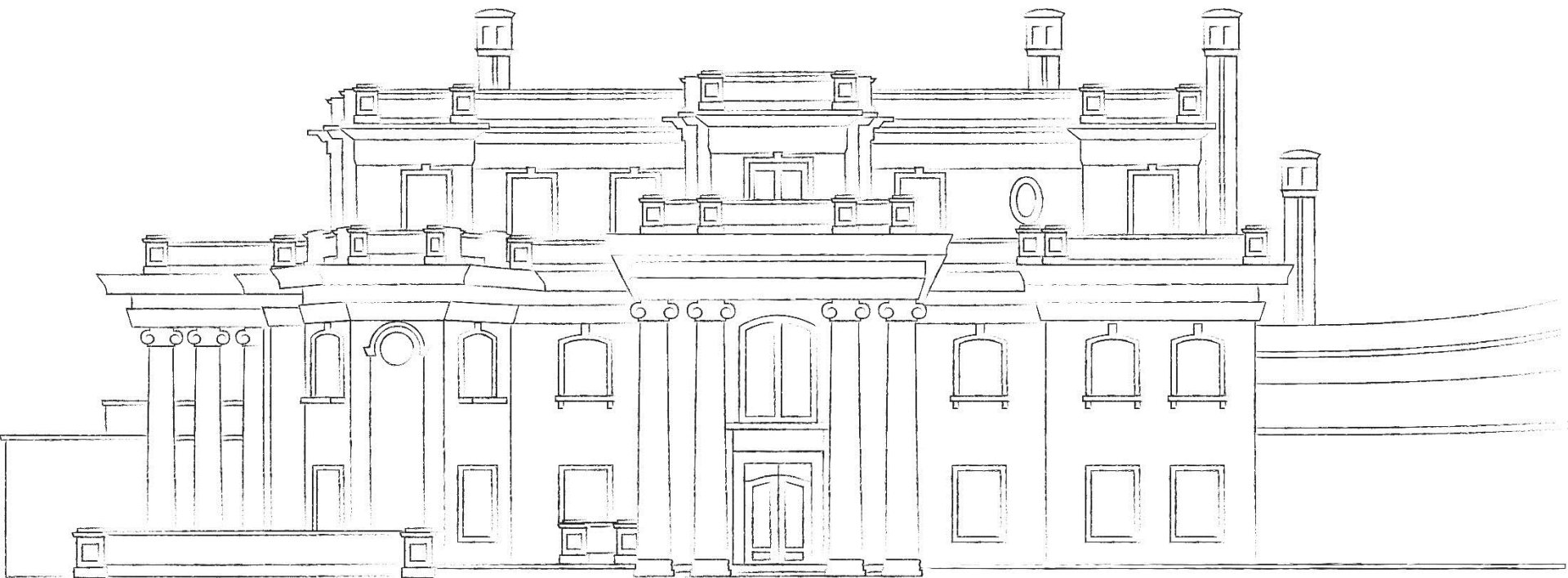
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# Utah's Long Term Population Projections Washington County Summary

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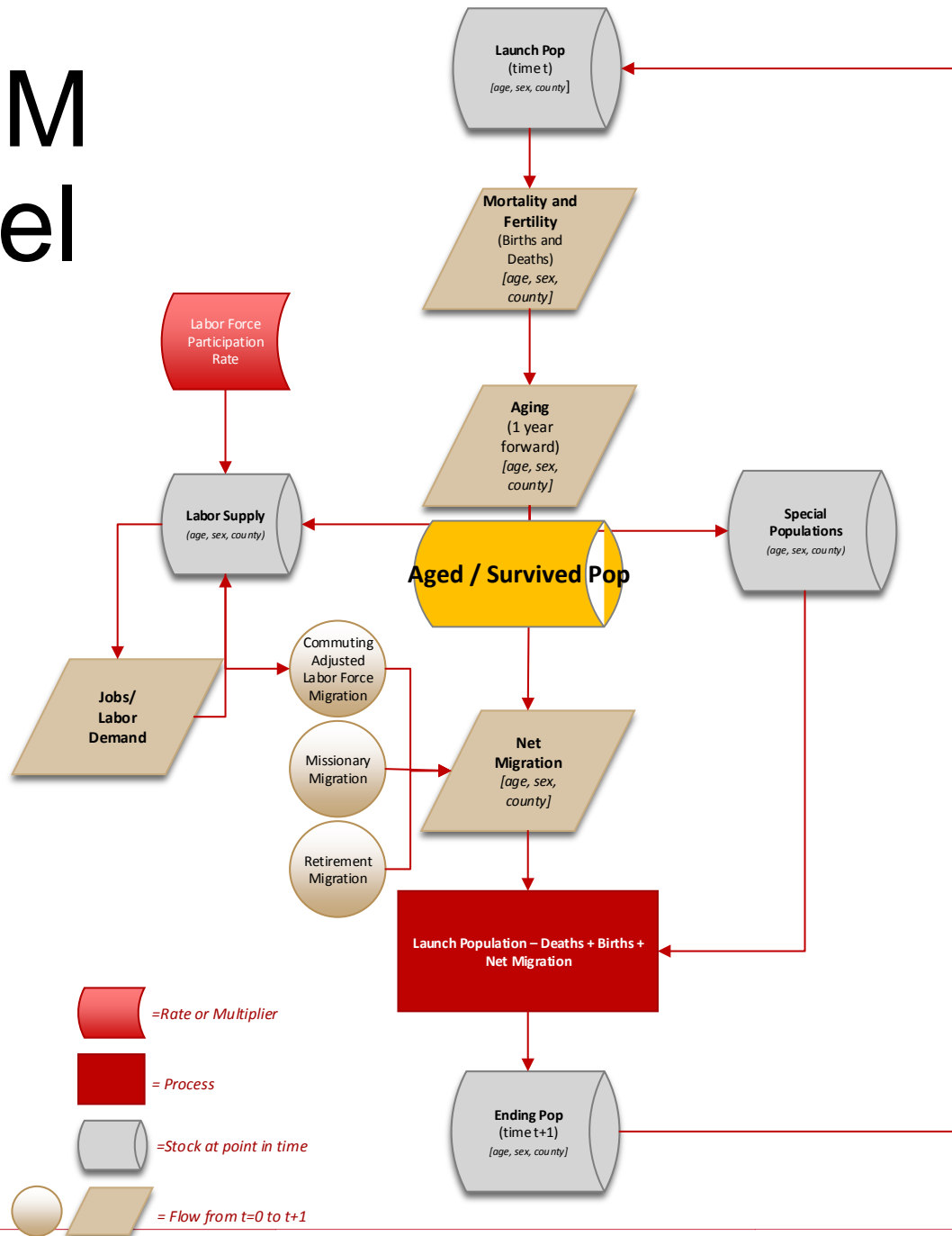
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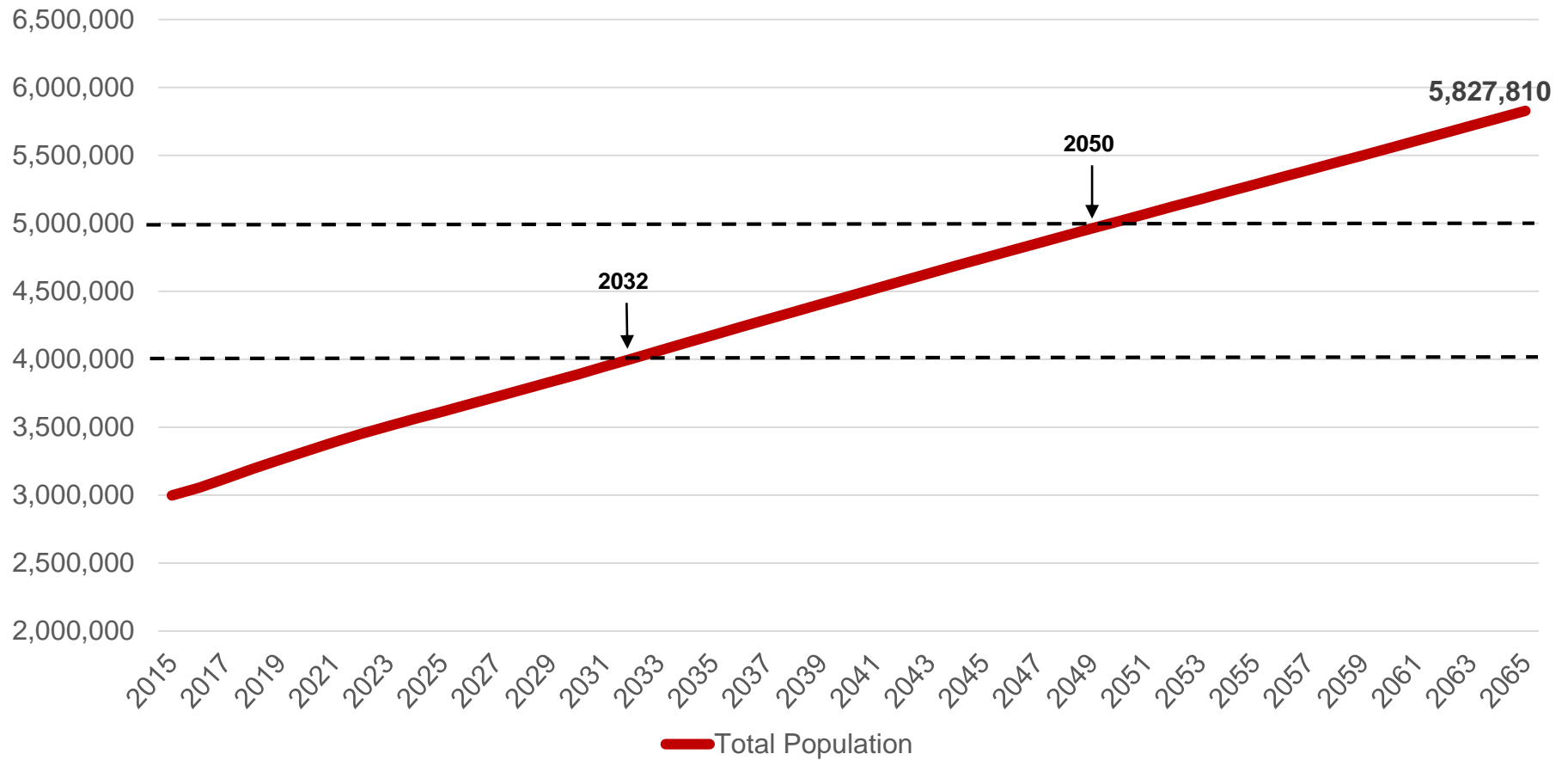
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# UDEM Model

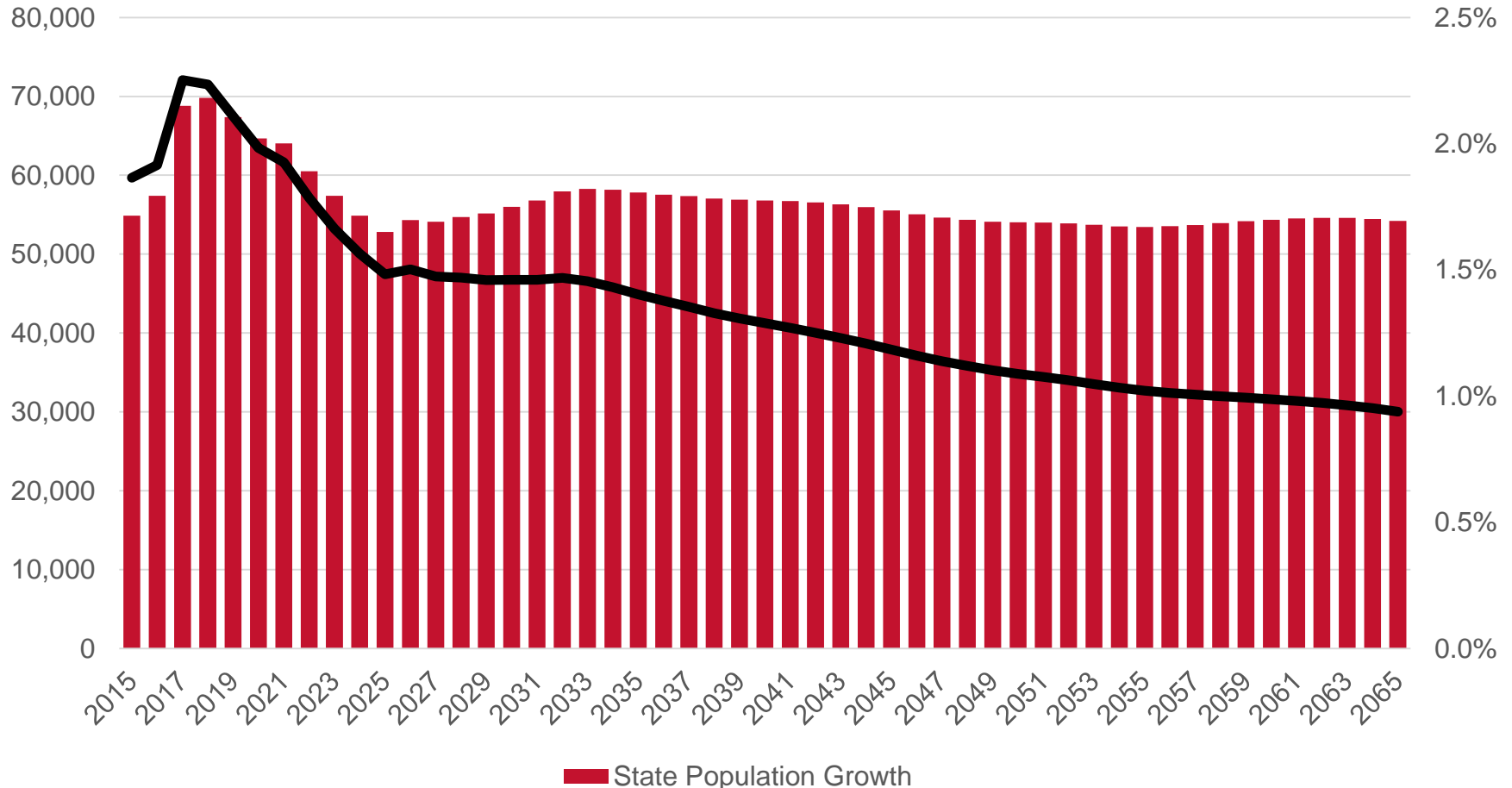


# Total Population with Million Markers



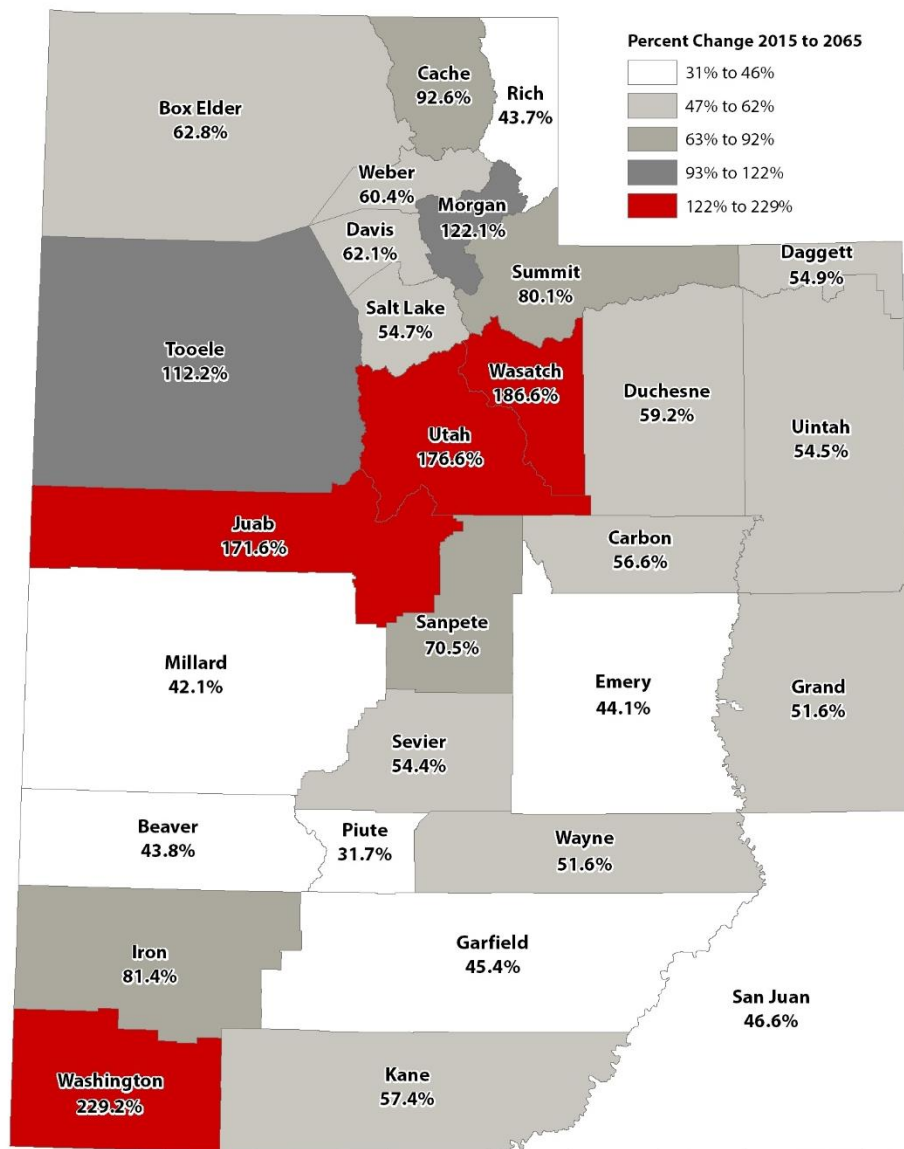
Source: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute 2015-2065 State and County Projections

# Utah Population Growth Projections: 2015-2065



Sources: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute 2015-2065 State and County Projections;  
DemographyUTAH 2016 Population Estimates

# Percent Population Change by County: 2015-2065



# St. George, Utah, is nation's fastest-growing metro area, Census says



## St. George Construction Projects

Demolition crews clear more buildings along Bluff Street near St. George Boulevard Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017.

### Top 10 Fastest-Growing Metropolitan Areas (Percentage Increase): 2016-2017

2017 Rank	2016 Rank	Metropolitan Area	2017 Population	2016 Population	Percent Change
1	9	St. George, UT	165,662	159,237	4.0
2	2	Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach, SC-NC	464,165	447,793	3.7
3	4	Greeley, CO	304,633	294,243	3.5
4	3	Bend-Redmond, OR	186,875	180,675	3.4
5	15	Coeur d'Alene, ID	157,637	153,144	2.9
6	10	Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL	686,483	667,018	2.9
7	17	Boise City, ID	709,845	690,810	2.8
8	7	Provo-Orem, UT	617,675	601,478	2.7
9	8	Austin-Round Rock, TX	2,115,827	2,060,558	2.7
10	1	The Villages, FL	125,165	122,121	2.5

# *Technical Memorandum*



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From: Pamela S. Perlich, Director of Demographic Research, Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute  
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Re: Washington County Long-Term Projection Scenarios

Date: January 30, 2018

## Background

At the request of the Five County Association of Governments and the Washington County Water Conservancy District, the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute has prepared a high and low economic and demographic projection scenario for Washington County. These alternative scenarios complement the baseline (or most likely) scenario released by the Gardner Policy Institute in July 2017.

We prepared projection scenarios for Washington County because of the increased uncertainty associated with projections in high growth areas. While we plan to prepare additional state-level projection scenarios, Washington County is the only county for which we prepared projection scenarios.

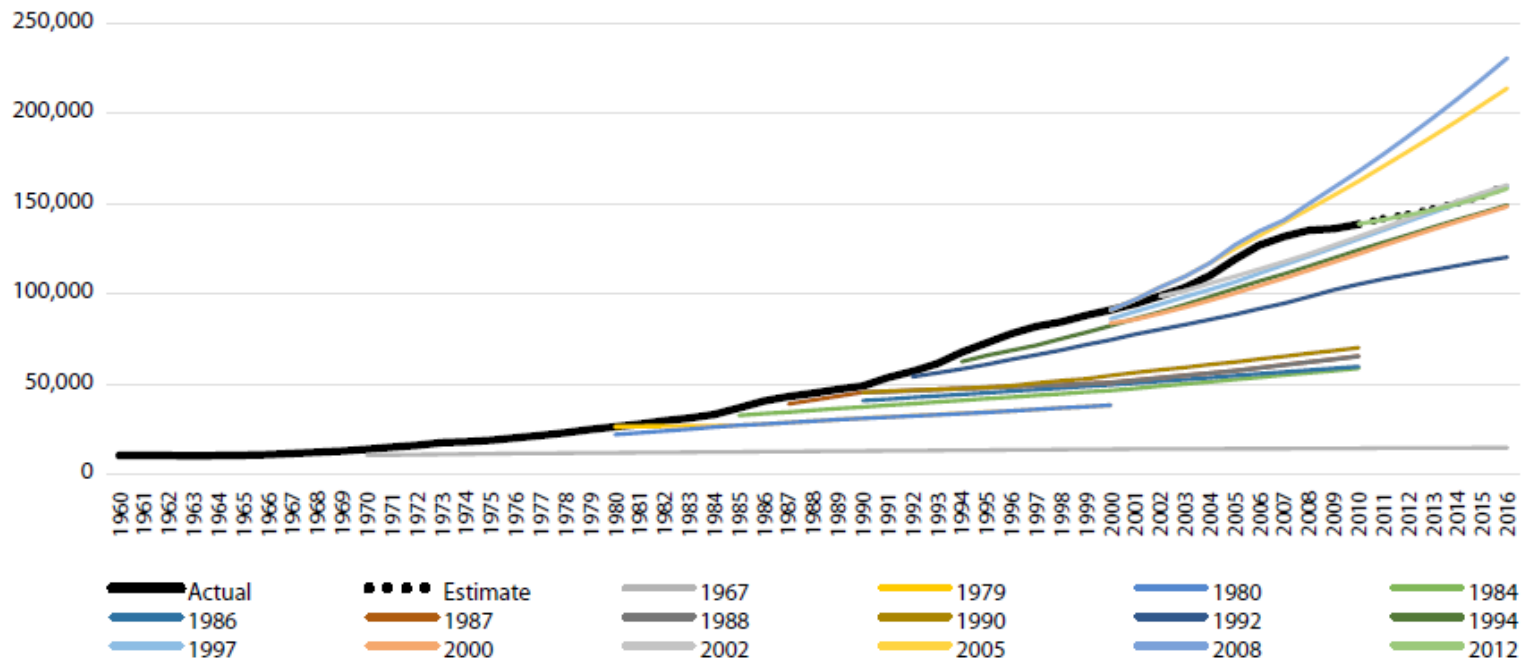
We continue to recommend the baseline projection scenario for long-term planning purposes but offer the high and low scenarios as appropriate bounds for contingency planning. We also recommend additional work be completed on the non-permanent visitor and seasonal population in Washington County. Taken together, the baseline projections, high and low scenario projections, and non-permanent population estimates/projections will provide decision makers in Washington County with a robust portfolio of population intelligence to make informed decisions.



## Accuracy of Past Long-Term Projections for Washington County

**Figure 4**

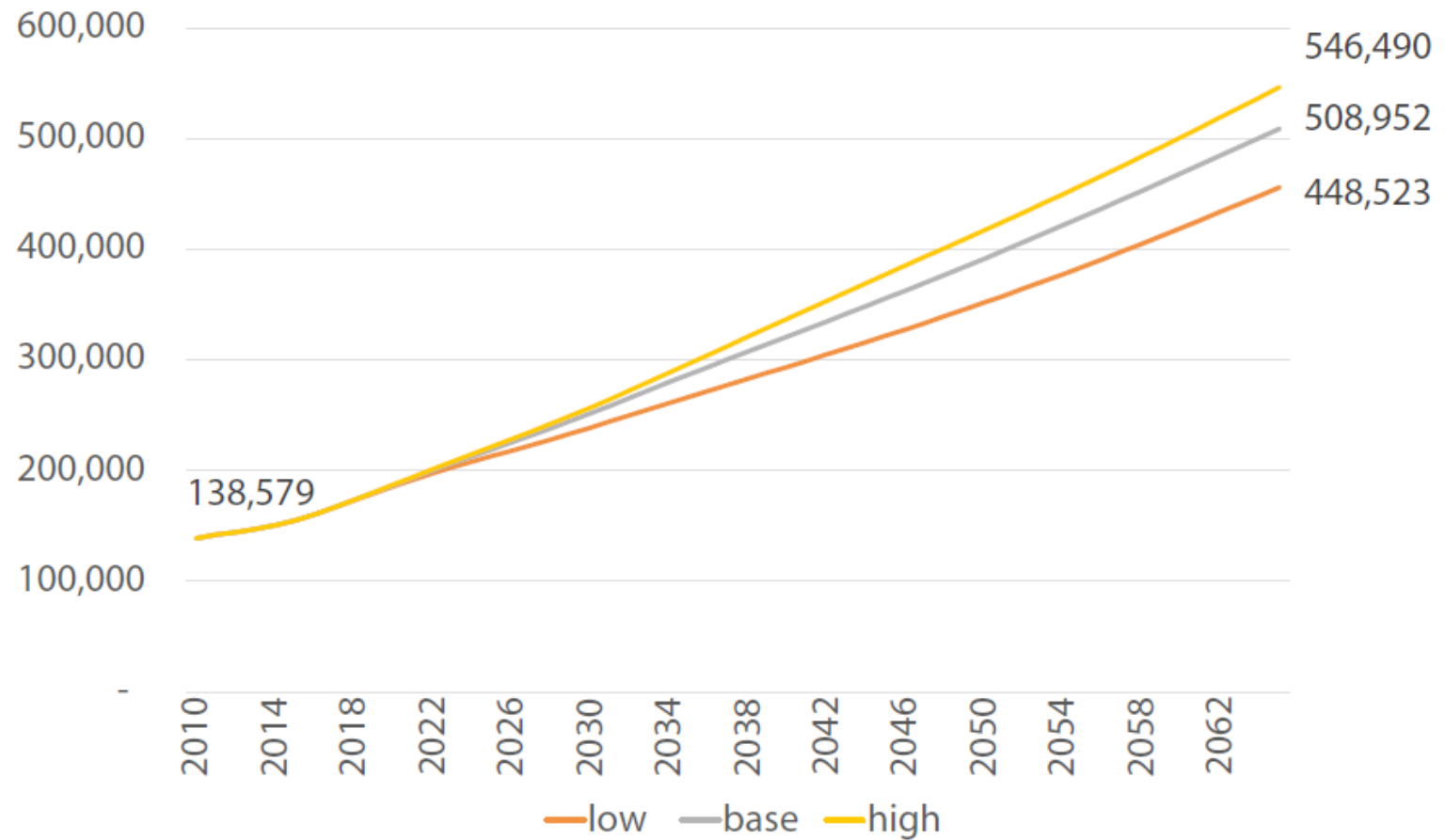
### Washington County Population Estimates and Projections



Sources: Governor's Office of Planning and Budget and Governor's Office of Management and Budget

# Figure 1

## Washington County Population Scenarios



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